

Appl No: 10/663,176
Art Unit: 3711 Docket No.: B03-40
Response dated March 2, 2006
Reply to Office Action of February 23, 2006

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 10 and 12-20 appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite an inner core diameter of about 1.30 inches to about 1.50 inches. Support for the amendment can be found in the specification, for example, on page 4, lines 3-4, and in original claim 5.

Claims 4, 5, 8, 9, 11 and 21-23 have been cancelled without prejudice to Applicants' right to file one or more continuing applications directed to any subject matter not presently claimed.

No new matter has been added by the amendments to the claims.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-3, 6-7, 10 and 12-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claim 1 now recites an inner core having an outer diameter of about 1.30 inches to about 1.50 inches. Applicants believe that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 has been overcome by the present amendment, and Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that all of the rejections have been overcome and that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any further concerns or believe that a discussion with the Applicants' attorney would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the attorney at the number below.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. However, should any required fees be due, please charge them to Acushnet Company Deposit Account No. 502309.

Respectfully submitted,

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